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SPLENDID WORK OF LIFE-SAVING SERVICE.

The annual report of the Life-Saving Service, which has just been made, calls attention to the valuable and admirable work done by the keepers and surfmen who constitute the active force of this organization. It is the most to be admired and commended in that it is done quietly and unostentatiously. Rarely are the activities of the Life-Saving Service given particular exploitation, but when there is a disaster to shipping anywhere along the coast of the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Gulf, or the great lakes, it is generally in evidence.

We are accustomed to think that it is less dangerous than of old to go down to the sea in ships. It is not often, it is true, that a fatal disaster overtakes one of the magnificent floating palaces which the trans-oceanic liners have come to be. But at the same time, the number of marine disasters every year is great. In the last fiscal year there were 1,376 marine disasters, involving the lives of 8,900 persons, which called for activity on the part of the Life-Saving Service of the United States. This total expresses but a fraction of the world's aggregate of disasters.

The 1,376 vessels meeting disaster in American waters, with their cargoes, represented a value of over \$16,000,000. Of the 1,376, the Life-Saving Service was able to give aid to 1,310, valued with their cargoes at over \$13,000,000. But this does not indicate by any means all the valuable work of the indefatigable surfmen. Large numbers of bathers and others in distress have been rescued, and even five automobiles were extracted from the perils of marshes or quicksands. An important advance in efficiency will be made by the equipment of all stations with power lifeboats, which have been found highly effective.

Congress has never dealt justly with the men who bear the brunt of the work of the Life-Saving Service. They are poorly paid for duties that involve skill and intelligence, and that expose them to no end of danger and hardship. Recently some slight addition to their pay has been allowed, but it is still scanty and inadequate.

OUR RETIRING DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS.

The plan to offer some tangible expression of the citizens' appreciation of Commissioners Macfarland's and West's services is most commendable. By all means let us give them anything that our good taste and that aforesaid appreciation may dictate. Let us even go farther and engrave their names and an epitome of their services upon lasting marble or bronze panels that might be inserted in the vestibules or corridors or council chamber of our ornate District Building. Indeed, it would be but seemly if we so inscribed memorial panels to all our ex-Commissioners (our one ex-Governor's memory seems to be amply cared for in one of the none too beautiful edifices that crowd our thoroughfares without that building), we recall no particular one who does not deserve that slight permanent recognition.

But what we do deplore is the tendency in some directions to lament that we cannot be knighted or beribboned those two soon-to-be-ex-Commissioners. That sort of thing is all tommyrot and to pine for it is undemocratic, unworthy of an American. Those two men were called, saw their duty, and did it. There was no hope of future reward held out to them, a bribe to induce good behavior. They are true Americans and were glad of the opportunity to serve their country in those positions.

To serve our country to the best of our ability, and without the expectation of little handles to our names, pensions, and landed estate grants from the Crown or the White House is the right, the duty, and laudable ambition of every American citizen; to serve the District in the same capacity, as did these two good men and true, is the privilege that just 394 of our leading citizens now desire. And there are more to be heard from.

May it please our great and good friend, Postmaster General Hitchcock, to suggest two of them, for we do live in fear and trembling that he may deem it expedient to direct Executive attention toward other and strange gods.

We may ask for, but don't hope to

get Congressional representation and a lot of other things, but we do most humbly pray for District Commissioners who are of us, interested in us, our hopes, ambitions, and needs.

MAYOR JOHNSON WINS IN STREET CAR FIGHT.

After eight years of almost endless trouble over the traction question, the city council of Cleveland has passed an ordinance granting a franchise to the Cleveland Railway Company. This ordinance is in many respects a victory for Mayor Tom Johnson, won in the closing hours of his administration. While it does not appear that Mayor Johnson has won all that he would like, it is clear that the traction interests have been forced as the result of his long and strenuous fight to make substantial concessions to the city. The ordinance granting the franchise provides for a 3-cent fare service, though on the condition this does not prove sufficiently remunerative the rate of fare may be increased to a maximum of 4 cents for a single fare, or seven tickets for a quarter.

Johnson's opponents are insisting that he has failed to get what he wanted and that this is shown by the fact petitions have been started for a referendum. But there can be no question that because of what he has done, the city of Cleveland is in all probability to have a street railway service at a much lower rate than it would have had otherwise. It may not be a complete victory for Johnson, but it is certainly a substantial defeat for the Cleveland Electric, if one considers its attitude when Johnson began his struggle and how far it has been driven to shift its position, and yield to the demand for lower fares.

The struggle over traction questions in Cleveland has been one of the most bitter and protracted ever seen in this country. The influences thrown into the scale against Johnson were tremendous and would have been overpowering against a weaker man and a cause less entitled to succeed. The eyes of the country have been on this contest and it means not a little to other municipalities that the traction interests have been driven to accept lower fares.

Too much credit cannot be given to Johnson for the pertinacity and intelligence with which he has led in this long drawn out campaign against one of the country's most powerful public service corporations.

A TALE OF THE MIGHTY AMAZON.

People never tire of reading about the wonders of the world's greatest river, the mighty Amazon, which is navigable for sea-going ships from its mouth far into Peru. It traverses an empire which is still unknown to white men save as a very few of them have seen the banks of the great river; and these are so shifting and changeable that to have seen them once means little.

A small sea-going steamer has just returned to this country after a rubber-gathering trip up the Amazon to Iquitos, in Peru, bringing her cargo of 1,500 tons of rubber with her. The wonder tales of the voyage relate to a region which one day will doubtless be subdued by civilization, and when that is accomplished will produce probably more wealth for the consumption of men than any other waste region ever before brought forth. But it will be generations yet before the world's need of natural resources will drive white men and their enterprise to the huge task of placing the Amazon valley under the heavy contribution of which it is capable.

The Amazon, like the Nile, is a stream of great floods; and also like the Nile, its source was long enshrouded in mystery. It is now known that the Peruvian Nile is a mighty river, many hundreds of miles long, before the stream passes into Brazilian territory. The Brazilian Amazon traverses a jungle alive with the most wonderful fauna in the world. Great tributaries of the river, comparable to the mightiest streams in the world outside the Amazon itself, are unknown to white men because they have never been explored. Even the lure of its richness of rubber and magnificent woods has not been potent to draw white men to the serious effort to open up the jungle, because thus far the natives have been relied upon to bring down to the traders enough of these things to satisfy them. But the time is at hand when white men will seriously undertake the development of this region, and the task will be a vastly more difficult one even than the exploration, opening, and subjugation of the heart of Africa.

Now they are going to try out the new fourteen-inch gun, and if it's a success, battleships of 30,000 tons will be necessary to carry it, and all the Dreadnoughts in the world will again become antiquated. War is all that General Sherman said, but the price of peace is perhaps even more so.

Wouldn't it be good business for persons writing letters on business and political subjects to send copies to Mr. Hearst? It would save him some trouble, and if written with the idea of meeting his approval the subsequent publication might be less embarrassing.

Now that the National League troubles have been ironed out for the time being, the question of getting together a first division bunch to represent Washington becomes once more paramount.

Nobody is taking the trouble to deny the stories that grafters are generally opposed to the election of William Loeb, Jr., to be governor of New York, except the custom house grafters.

Jones-Norton Wedding and Production of "The Man in the Moon" Occupy the Undivided Attention of Washington Society Today



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MRS. JOHN C. TREMONT.

Mrs. Barney's Play Will Be Given at Belasco

Mrs. Barney's play will hold the center of the stage tonight not only at the Belasco Theater, where it is to be produced, but in the social world of the National Capital.

"The Man in the Moon" as it is called, and which is a pantomime, was written by Mrs. Barney, and is being produced by her tonight, with the aid of a number of talented society matrons, maidens, and men. The proceeds are to be devoted to Mrs. Barney's favorite charity, the industrial work of Neighborhood House, to which she has devoted a large amount of her own private income, talent, energy, and time.

The play is to be preceded by a prologue "The Dance of the Months," in which Mrs. Barney herself will appear as April. Mrs. Harold I. Hewall, daughter of Rear Admiral Rotley D. Evans, will represent winter; Miss Frances Noyes, one of the season's debutantes, will appear as March; Miss Ames, of Miss Hawke's dancing class, will interpret June, and Miss Ethel de Koven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald de Koven, will be July or the spirit of summer.

Autumn will be particularly effective. Miss Jane Sands as Diana will bring on four young women, Mr. Charles D. Voorhis, Miss Ruth Halford, Miss Edith Sutherland, and Miss Cornelia Janin and four young men, and Miss Hawke's dancing class of little tots will appear as autumn leaves.

There are to be four acts in the pantomime, the first a scene in the moon, the second and third on earth, where the inhabitants have descended for a visit and the fourth again in the moon after their return.

Scenery and Costumes To Be Very Effective.

The scenery which has all been designed by Mrs. Barney is particularly effective and the costumes, most of which have been dyed and made at Neighborhood House, are wonderfully artistic. Mrs. Barney and John Neiligh worked together in designing all the costumes which will be worn.

Miss Mathilde Townsend, who will appear as Dawn, will wear an especially noteworthy one of beautifully colored silks, the work of the class at Neighborhood House.

Mrs. William Barrett Ridgely, who was to have appeared in a costume as becoming to her brunette type of beauty, as is Miss Townsend's to her blonde loveliness, has been obliged to withdraw from the cast on account of illness.

The opening scene of the play or pantomime is in the moon with Miss Juanita Miller as Pierrot, "The Man in the Moon," and Mrs. George T. Wheeler as Pierrette. Pierrette in her endeavor to amuse Pierrot brings several earth folk before her. Miss Juliette Anderson, assisted by a number of revellers, including Miss Catharine Britton, Miss Sophy Johnston, Miss Mary McCauley, Miss Ruth Halford, and Miss Alice Downing, does a very effective dance.

The second act is a Spanish scene, an inn in Seville, where Pierrette has induced Pierrot to come in search of the amusement which he failed to find in the moon. A number of specialties are introduced in this scene, including a Spanish dance by Miss Fremont, a song by Edward O'Connor, and "Bubbles," a song by Philip Scamling and chorus, in which a number of girls blow bubbles into the audience.

Third Act Is A Thing of Beauty.

Mrs. Barney's artistic taste has excellently itself in the picturesque beauty

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Discussion of the "Toan shark," evil by the Monday Evening Club, Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

East Washington Citizens' Association, 214 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m.

North Capitol and Eckington Citizens' Association, St. Martin's Hall, North Capitol and T streets, 7:30 p. m.

Annual dinner of the Congressional Club, First Congressional Church, 7:30 p. m.

Theaters.

National—"The Love Cure," 8:15 p. m.
Columbia—"The Merry Widow and the Devil," 8:15 p. m.
Chase—Vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.

Academy—"Buster Brown," 8:15 p. m.
Lyceum—"Morning, Noon, and Night," 8:15 p. m.

Gaiety—"Star and Garter Show," 8:15 p. m.

(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Write or phone announcements.)



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MRS. GEORGE Y. WHEELER.



MISS MATHILDE TOWNSEND.
MISS RUTH HALFORD.
MRS. A. C. BARNEY.

of the third act, which represents a Greek orchard. Several beautiful dances are given in this act by the priestesses, shepherdesses, and guardians of the orchard, before the scene is again transferred to the moon in the closing act.

Among those in the cast who will appear in the various choruses are the Misses Downing, Miss Alice Shepard, the Misses Jamin, Miss Olga Roosevelt, Miss Eleanor Ridgely, Miss Ruth Pilling, Miss Ruggles, Miss Calvo, Miss Duryee, Miss Krogstad, Miss Katherine Brown, and a number of other debutantes of the season, in addition to Mrs. John C. Tremont, Miss R. C. Bulmer, Mrs. Charles O'Donnell Lee, and other prominent young matrons.

Dr. Paul Evans, Preston Gibson, Edward Mitchell and Morven Thompson are acting as stage managers for Mrs. Barney, and Harry Wheaton Howard is the musical director.

Society will turn out en masse to see members from its own ranks behind the footlights. Among those who have taken boxes are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cromwell, Mrs. Nicholas Anderson, Mrs. L. Z. Lottor, and Mrs. James McMillan. Diplomatic, official and resident society will be well represented in the audience.

Miss Parker Bride Of William S. Allen.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Parker, formerly of Washington, announce the marriage of their daughter Ernestine Evelyn to William Southworth Allen, of Rutland, Vt. The marriage took place on December 18 at the home of the bride's parents, Melrose, Mass.

Mrs. Arthur W. Dunn will leave Washington at the end of the week for Annapolis to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, who is a student there. Mrs. Dunn will be the guest of the governor of Virginia and Mrs. Swanson on New Year's Day. Mrs. Dunn will spend several days in Richmond.

White House Callers

Chief Justice Fuller.
The Vice President.
The Speaker.

Senators Warner of Missouri.
Johnson of Alabama.
Taylor of Tennessee.

Brown of Nebraska.
Burkett of Nebraska.
Briggs of New Jersey.

Guggenheimer of Colorado.
Scott of West Virginia.

Representatives Shirley of Kentucky.
McKieley of Illinois.

Hays of California.
Barchfield of Pennsylvania.
Olmstead of Pennsylvania.

Maguire of Nebraska.
Hughes of Georgia.
Wallace of Arkansas.

Woodward of West Virginia.
Lovering of Massachusetts.

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Miss Diana Norton Becomes
Bride of Captain
Jones.

Army Contingent Largely Represented at Ceremony at Rauscher's.

A beautiful military wedding took place at noon today at Rauscher's, when Miss Diana Ireland Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stevens Norton, became the bride of Capt. Clarence Northrup Jones, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert M. Moore, of Foundry Church, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends, and almost the entire Fort Myer contingent, where Captain Jones has been stationed.

Quantities of palms, ferns, and willows formed the simple decorations in the large ball room, where the ceremony took place, and in the smaller one, where the bridal party formed. The orchestra from Fort Myer, under Leader Tirrell, played the wedding music, and an appropriate musical program during the ceremony.

Mr. Norton escorted his daughter and gave her in marriage. She wore a beautiful bridal gown of white satin, made princess style, with draped sleeves, bodice, and side panel effects of silk hand embroidery on the long trained skirt. The top of the bodice and the sleeves were of rose point lace, the whole effectively finished with pearl banding. Her long tulle veil was arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms. The bridal bouquet was a duplicate of the one carried by her grandmother on a similar occasion, and was composed of orchids, lilies of the valley, and bride roses in an old fashioned lace paper holder.

Unique Feature Of Wedding Costume.

A unique feature of her costume was an old-fashioned handkerchief ring, an heirloom in the family, worn on the little finger, with a small pendant chain for carrying a handkerchief, in which she wore the handkerchief worn by her mother at her wedding. Her only ornament was a platinum and diamond pendant, the gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Beulah B. Chambers, the bride's only attendant, wore pale blue crepe material with a large blue picture hat trimmed with plumes, and carried American Beauty roses tied with red ribbon, in compliment to the red of the bridegroom's branch of the service, the artillery.

Capt. Tiemann N. Horn, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A., acted as best man for Captain Jones. Capt. Frederick B. Hennessy, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A., served as chief usher and the ushers were Capt. Jacob C. Johnson, Coast Artillery, U. S. A.; Lieut. Joe R. Brabson, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A.; Lieut. Harold W. Huntley, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A.; Lieut. Samuel R. Hopkins, Third Field Artillery, U. S. A.; Lieut. William L. Moore, Jr., Fifteenth Cavalry, U. S. A.; and Lieut. Victor S. Foster, Fifteenth Cavalry, U. S. A.

Captain Jones and the other members of the bridal party all wore full dress uniform of their rank.

Small Reception Follows Ceremony.

A small reception for relatives and intimate friends followed the ceremony, and a wedding breakfast for the bridal party was served at 1 o'clock. The bride cut the cake with her husband's sword, according to the military custom.

Mrs. Norton, mother of the bride, who assisted in receiving, wore a handsome gown of grayish wistaria broadcloth, with black velvet, heavily braided, wistaria plumes, and a corsage bouquet of violets.

During the afternoon Captain and Mrs. Jones left for a short honeymoon trip to Old Point Comfort. Mrs. Jones traveling in a handsome tailored suit of sage green heavily braided, in black, with a black moire hat trimmed with a paradise bird, and white fox fur.

They will return to Washington Christmas morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, at the Jean Johnston, on Belmont street. January 10, they will leave for Fort San Antonio, San Antonio, Tex., where Captain Jones has recently been transferred to duty from Fort Myer, where he has been stationed for some time.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Colonel and Mrs. Cameron, of Staeville, N. C.; Capt. and Mrs. Jacob C. Johnson, of Fort Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Paalen, of Newport News, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Rich had as their guests last week Miss Irma Kline, of Baltimore, and Herbert Sonnenborn, of St. Louis; her dance. Their marriage takes place early in January.

The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says she saw in the paper that the stock market was in professional hands, and why did lawyers and even clergymen have to go and buy stocks just as soon as they saved a little money, and why could they not leave that sort of thing to the men who made a regular business of it.



Army and Navy Service Orders

ARMY.

Captain HENRY J. HATCH, Coast Artillery Corps, is detailed as a member of the Board for Testing Rifled Cannon.

Captain FREDERICK B. HENNESSY, Third Field Artillery, from Fort Myer, Va., to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Captain WILLARD D. NEWELL, Third Field Artillery, to Fort Myer, Va.

Captain CHARLES R. LAWSON, Coast Artillery Corps, is detailed to fill a vacancy in the Quartermaster's Department, to take effect December 23, 1909.

First Lieutenant FRANK C. JEWELL, quartermaster, who is relieved from detail in that department, to take effect that date.

The following transfers are ordered to take effect this date:

First Lieutenant COLLEGE FEEBIEGER from Third to Sixth Infantry; Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM A. MANN from Sixth to the Third Infantry.

NAVY.

No naval orders were issued today.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived—New York at Philadelphia, Fusser at Charleston, Pontiac at Newport, Maryland, Colorado, and Alexander at Nagasaki, and Pompey at Cavite.

Sailed—Buffalo from Panama for Corinto, Leonidas and Eagle from Cristobal for Philadelphia, and Glacier from Hongkong for Woosung.